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2. FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM NVCANOPY HQS FROM, IN TURN,
SAN JUAN DIVISION:

"A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
(FBI) SEARCHED THE RECORDS OF THE PUERTO RICAN TELEPHONE
COMPANY, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. THESE RECORDS REFLECT
THAT TELEPHONE NUMBER 764-2916 IS LISTED TO CARLOS MUNIZ
VARELA, CONDOMINIUM JARDINES DE SAN FRANCISCO, BUILDING 1,
APARTMENT 413, RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO. (S)

MUNIZ WAS A TWENTY-SIX YEAR OLD CUBAN EXILE LIVING IN
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF VIAJES VARADERO,
A TRAVEL AGENCY STARTED IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, IN
DECEMBER 1978. BY HIS OWN ADMISSION, MUNIZ OPENED VIAJES

VARADERO AT THE REQUEST OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE AN EXCLUSIVE MONOPOLY IN PUERTO RICO TO ARRANGE TRAVEL OF CUBAN EXILES TO CUBA. AS FAR AS COULD BE DETERMINED, VIAJES VARADERO ENGAGED IN NO TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS OTHER THAN THAT OF CUBAN EXILES TO CUBA. BECAUSE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT, MUNIZ OFTEN TRAVELED TO CUBA AND WAS IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH VARIOUS CUBAN OFFICIALS. (S)

IN JANUARY 1979, A HIGH ORDER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE EXPLODED AT CARLOS MUNIZ' OFFICE LOCATED IN HATO REY, PUERTO RICO. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOMBING, MUNIZ ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED ANONYMOUS AND THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS PRIOR TO THE BOMBING. MUNIZ FELT THAT HIS TRAVEL AGENCY HAD BEEN TARGETED BY ANTI-CASTRO EXTREMISTS BECAUSE OF UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY HE HAD RECEIVED IN 'LA CRONICA', A RIGHTIST CUBAN NEWSPAPER PRINTED BI-MONTHLY IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. (U)

AT APPROXIMATELY 5:45 P.M. ON APRIL 18, 1979, MUNIZ WAS FATALLY WOUNDED AFTER HE RECEIVED A45 CALIBER BULLET WOUND IN THE FOREHEAD. MUNIZ WAS SHOT AS HE WAS DRIVING AWAY FROM HIS MOTHER'S HOME IN GUAYNABO, PUERTO RICO, BY THREE MEN IN ANOTHER CAR. ALTHOUGH MUNIZ' ASSASSINS ARE NOT KNOWN, IT IS BELIEVED HE WAS KILLED BY RIGHT WING CUBAN EXILE TERRORISTS. AT LEAST TWO CUBAN EXILE TERRORISTS GROUPS HAVE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR MUNIZ' DEATH. (U)"

3. FILE: [REDACTED] INDEX CARLOS MUNIZ VARELA,
DOB 1953. RVW 9 JUL 99 [REDACTED]